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Memorandum

Subject: Summary of Rulemaking Meeting with Space
Launch Industry Representatives

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To: Licensing and Safety Requirements for Launch, Docket No. FAA-2000-7953

On July 25, 2003, Patricia Grace Smith (AST-1) and members of her staff met with representatives from the space launch industry to discuss industry concerns with the subject rulemaking. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. and lasted approximately two hours, with the following individuals present:

Name	Organization
Ed Morris	Orbital Sciences Corporation
Chris DeMars	Orbital Sciences Corporation
Chris Myers	Lockheed Martin
Sri Iyengar	Lockheed Martin
Angeline Chen	Lockheed Martin
Rosalie Roberts	Lockheed Martin
Ben Ward	Lockheed Martin
Tanya Donahue	Boeing
Bob Bocek	Boeing
James Whitlow	FAA/AGC
Nan Shellabarger	FAA/AEP
Patti Smith	FAA/AST
Dr. George Nield	FAA/AST
Richard Dacko	FAA/AST
Al Wassel	FAA/AST
Carole Flores	FAA/AST
Mark Wright	FAA/AST
Charles Huet	FAA/AST
Rene Rey	FAA/AST
Stephen Izon	FAA/AST

The primary focus of the meeting centered on the necessity, flexibility and grandfathering provisions of the final rule; and AST's efforts to resolve a perceived cost gap between the government and industry. AST outlined a preliminary plan to employ the Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) process to help resolve key industry issues during the second supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SSNPRM) comment period; and emphasized that the objective of the ARC was not to seek consensus.

Industry members expressed concern that U.S. Air Force and FAA requirements were diverging. AST responded that FAA efforts through the Common Standards Working Group (CSWG) would be continuing to ensure that requirements are synchronized. Boeing also requested that the ARC be conducted at the end of the SSNPRM comment period. AST responded that holding the ARC at the end of the comment period would leave little time for interaction.